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FARM TO PRODUCE 40,000 TONS OF VEGETABLES
FOR BELGRADE MARKET

FOOD FOR BELGRADE -- Rad. No 129, 1 Jun 49

From the thousands of hectares of Pancevacki Rit that will be planted with onions, spinach, peas, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, and cabbage, Belgrade will receive about 40,000 tons of vegetables this year. About 15 tons of assorted vegetables are arriving in Belgrade daily from this farm, especially peas, scallions, potatoes, and lettuce.

About 20,000 hogs are being fattened there for the Belgrade market. Poultry houses for over 20,000 birds are now under construction, and ten large fishponds, in which the best varieties of river fish will be raised, are being excavated. New barns for hogs, horses, and poultry, a large warehouse for storing and sorting potatoes, and a large drying plant for corn are being built.

A serious manpower shortage has been keeping the program behind schedule. In addition to youth doing farm chores, several brigades of volunteer youth labor will have to be recruited for the building program, such as cutting irrigation ditches and hoeing hemp.

MACEDONIAN COTTON PLANTING COMPLETED -- FOR: Belka, No 13249, 28 May 49

The cotton planting in Macedonia, now completed, was one of the best organized farm programs in the republic and in the country. For the first time in Macedonia machinery was used for planting cotton. Eight hundred planters and dozens of tractors were used, including 50 contributed by other Yugoslav republics. Excellent results were achieved with the planters made at the "Tito" Metal Products Factory in Skopje.

Fifty-eight percent of all the cotton fields planted in Macedonia belong to cooperatives. One cooperative helped another, and labor and draft animals were contributed by highland and lowland farmers from regions where cotton is not grown.

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NEW FOREST RAIL LINE IN SRBM -- Politika, No 13237, 14 May 49

A new forest railroad line 9½ kilometers long was put into service on 1 May at Sramka Mitrovica in the Vojvodina. The new line, which connects the lumber camp with the main railroad, was completed in a little over 40 days. When present work is completed on 2 more kilometers of main line and 4 kilometers of branch line, two to three times as much wood can be hauled out daily as has been hauled by wagon.

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